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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM FROM CAMBODIANS

REF: STATE 084161

1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON, CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR THOUTCH VUTTHI INFORMED US THAT HE AND ENTIRE CAMBODIAN EMBASSY STAFF HAVE DECIDED TO REQUEST ASYLUM IN THE U.S. ACCORDING TO VUTTHI, NUMBER INVOLVED IS FIVE STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, AND 20 DEPENDENTS. WE HAVE REQUESTED HIM TO SUPPLY US WITH A LIST OF NAMES AND DETAILED BIOGRAPHIC DATA.

2. VUTTHI SAID HE AND HIS STAFF ARE UNDER NO PRESSURE TO MOVE SOON AND INDICATED THAT HIS PEOPLE COULD SUBSIST FOR PERHAPS A MONTH WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH SALARIES WERE LAST PAID IN JANUARY AND SOME FAMILIES ARE BEGINNING TO FEEL THE PINCH.

3. FROM FURTHER CONVERSATION, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST ONE STAFF MEMBER AND HIS FAMILY MIGHT PREFER TO RESETTLE IN BANGKOK, IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVEL COULD BE OBTAINED.

4. AMBASSADOR MADE CLEAR GENERAL DESIRE OF U.S. TO BE OF ASSISTANCE AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP OUT WITH FONOFF. VUTTHI SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUESTED INCLUDING ALTERNATE PREFERENCES FOR RELOCATION.

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5. EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO LOCATE SECTION 2 FAM 227

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